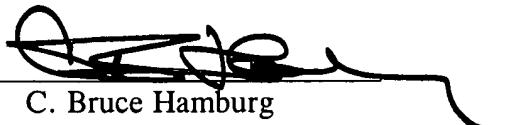


REMARKS

All the claims except claim 1 have been canceled because a second preliminary amendment will be filed in which a substitute set of claims formally more suitable for U.S. practice will be presented.

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